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REQUEST FOR REFUND

We have received a Deposit Account statement dated February 2003, showing a charge on February 6, 2003 in the amount of \$336 with a fee code of 1201 and a serial number of 09/954,596. This appears to be a charge for four independent claims for an applicant that is not a small entity. We can only speculate as to the reason why the Patent Office imposed this charge, although our best guess is that it was somehow prompted by our Amendment dated November 24, 2002 in which we added four independent claims.

Enclosed are copies of Forms PTO/SB/17, PTO/SB/22, and PTO-2038, all dated November 24, 2002 and enclosed with the Amendment of that date. As may be plainly seen on both Forms PTO/SB/17 and PTO/SB/22, small entity status was claimed. Thus the correct charge for these claims is \$168, not \$336. As may be plainly seen from Form PTO-2038 we authorized charging this fee to our credit card. It appears the Patent Office failed to apply this charge.

The Patent Office is requested to refund \$168 due to the improper \$336 charge to our deposit account.

Respectfully submitted. mull

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